



John Martin Leppiaho

December 10, 1955 - March 12, 2020

John Martin Leppiaho, 64, born December 10, 1955, the son of Waino and Bernice (Stone) Leppiaho, passed away March 12, 2020 while a resident at Marquette County Medical Care Facility in Ishpeming, MI.

John was employed in the summers for the Iron County Park Service while still in high school. After graduation from Forest Park HS, he spent some time out of state, but always returned to the Crystal Falls area. Over the years he worked various jobs, construction, oil rig, insulation (with his Uncle Arvid), painting, apartment complex maintenance, nurse's aide, and most recently firewood sales.

John preferred to spend time outdoors, cutting wood, tending his garden and sharing the produce. He enjoyed deer hunting and filled the freezer every year with venison.

John was involved in theater while living in the Iron Mountain & Crystal Falls areas. He volunteered for stage scene production and revealed his sense of humor in the parts he played.

John had a giving heart and enjoyed helping others. He would often respond to calls for assistance for a variety of household maintenance issues. John actively participated with the CF Lions Club for many years.

John is survived by four sisters, Karen (Jim) Gorman of Nipomo, CA, Linda (Tim) Stankewicz of Madison, WI, Barbara (Doug) Williams of North Pole, AK, and Joanne Morehouse of Appleton, Wisconsin. Burial will take place in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Crystal Falls MI in the spring.

Condolences to the family of John Leppiaho may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted to Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls, MI with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

AN

“ To all the Leppiaho family, We all grew up together and I will always remember John as a kind and generous neighbor, He was especially kind to my mother later in life when all her children were far away. More recently, when he lost his sight, John could still chop wood like a sighted man, which was an amazing thing. His presence is missed but his spirit remains. I remember one adventure when John and I got lost at about 4 or 5 years old while free-ranging in the woods. Eventually, we found the road but no houses and decided the houses had gone away in a twister like in the "Wizard of Oz". Of course, as we walked up the hill and our houses appeared, that was that; we were home again and safe. Rest in Peace John Martin Leppiaho Anne (Johnson) Novitsky

Anne M Novitsky - April 12, 2020 at 08:34 AM

CS

“ I have know John since Junior High. My grandfather was a neighbor to his family and later he was neighbor to us when we moved into my grandfather's house. Throughout high school he was great fun to be around. He was a friend and neighbor that anyone would be proud to have. He and Bella spent years walking by our house and visiting with my family. He watched my sons grow up and always had a kind word. More people should have a heart like his!!!!

Curt, Michelle, Arron, Daniel and Eileen Stebic

Curtis Stebic - April 05, 2020 at 07:42 AM

DG

“ John and I were great friends way back in the 70's. Crypty, as he was fondly known by, was one of the first to befriend me when I moved up from the flatlands. He had a good soul; it's not easy to get along when you are new in town! He, Larry Hunter, and myself spent countless times cruisin' the Rock Crusher or some old grade. I remember one time we were out by Runkle doing donuts and stuff, John got his blue station wagon stuck as the cop showed up...we all took off thru the cemetary. Swimming at Peanut, July 4th at Alpha, those were some of the best days ever. I'm sorry we did not spend more time together after we got back. I never forgot you and I never will. My condolences to your family, David and Ann Greenwood Mansfield

david greenwood - April 01, 2020 at 01:46 PM

SH

“ We will miss you John,He was a very good neighbor to us,rested in peace,prayers are with the family,we had a lot of growing up together,will miss ya

suzann walsted hug - March 27, 2020 at 11:31 AM

JS

“ I knew john for over twenty years and he was the salt of the earth.He helped me out many times when he did not have to .He was a very special type of a person. I'll miss you john. You were and still are a good person in the after life. Goodbye my friend. john schumacher

john schumacher - March 26, 2020 at 08:44 PM

RJ

“ Any time and every time we would see John, he would always greet us warmly just as his father and mother (Waino and Bernice) would have. John's sincerity of welcoming others like that was inherited from his parents! Condolences to his family, friends, neighbors and those who truly knew him. He will be missed. ~~Family of Roger & Bunny Johnson

ROBERTA JOHNSON - March 25, 2020 at 06:26 PM

JL

“ To John's entire family, I am so very sorry to learn of his recent passing. John was a great classmate and we always enjoyed listening to his stories. I'm sorry to say that I had not seen John in awhile and I knew that he was unable to attend last year's reunion due to health issues. I also wanted to mention what a talented painter he was. He did painting jobs at both my grandmother's and parents' homes. They were extremely impressed with his hard work and the wonderful job he did. You can be sure that John will be dearly missed. Joni Lindeman

Joni Lindeman - March 17, 2020 at 12:48 PM

TK

“ I always enjoyed the visits I had with John. He was a meek and humble man. I would go to see him to encourage him, I walked away more encouraged. Thanks John....

ted kurtz - March 16, 2020 at 03:17 PM